

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments new dependent claims 23 and 24 have been added. Thus, claims 1-24 remain in the application.

Claims 1-22 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement in the outstanding Office Action. In particular, Applicants were required to elect a single disclosed species, from each of the four groups of species set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. A listing of all claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added, was also required.

Responsive to this requirement for election of species, Applicants provisionally elect for further prosecution on the merits in the subject application the prosthetic foot species H: Figures 46, 47, the calf shank species A: Figure 15 (the parabola shaped calf shank), the foot keel species B: Figures 6, 7 (forefoot, midfoot concavity has a longitudinal axis D-D orientation parallel to the frontal plane), and coupling element species A: Figure 23. In this regard, Applicants note that the elected prosthetic foot species H of Figures 46 and 47 does not employ a coupling element as the shank and at least a portion of the foot keel are monolithically formed as discussed in Applicants' specification.


Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-18 and new dependent claims 23 and 24 are readable on the elected species.

An early action on the merits is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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